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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. Subsection (a), Section 3.19, Subchapter C, 18 Texas Water Quality Act, as amended (Article 7621d-1, Vernon's

Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

"(a) Except as provided in Subsection (b) of this section, 21 a public hearing shall be held on an application for a permit or 22 to amend a permit. If the discharge for which the permit is requested is to be made within any area designated as a standard metropolitan statistical area by the Federal Bureau of the Census, the hearing shall be held in the city, or in the county if the point of discharge is located outside the boundaries of an incor-27 porated city, in which the point of the discharge proposed in the 28 application is to be made. Notice of the hearing shall be given application is to be made. Notice of the hearing shall be given to the persons who in the judgment of the board may be affected."

Sec. 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded 31 | condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

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